

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 39 and 58 and rejected claims 1-38 and 40-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In connection with the rejection, the Examiner stated that in claims 1, 20 and 40, it is not clear which resin, or if both, is actually cured during step (b). Further, the Examiner stated that dependent claims 2-19, 21-38 and 41-57 are similarly indefinite in that they depend from independent claims 1, 20 and 40. Finally, the Examiner stated that claims 1-38 and 40-57 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

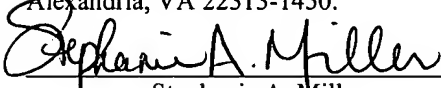
Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 20 and 40 in step (a) to include the words "is cured by the delayed acid catalyst" in the next to last line of paragraph (a) and have deleted the word "cures" therein. Further, the words "catalyzed by heat or the delayed acid catalyst, or both," have been inserted in the next to last line of paragraph (b). Thus, claims 1, 20 and 40 have been amended to clearly indicate that the resin in step (a) is cured followed by the curing of the resin in step (b).

In addition, spelling errors have been corrected in claims 8, 12, 31, 40, 50 and 58.

It is respectfully submitted by the Applicants that in view of the amendments made to the claims herein, claims 1-38 and 40-57 are now allowable along with previously allowed claims 39 and 58.

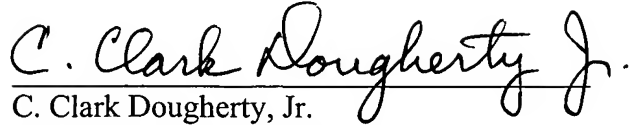
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